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Overview

This bill modifies provisions for a person holding a license as a professional counselor to convert to licensure as a professional clinical counselor. It also clarifies the requirements for individuals who provide clinical supervision.

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- 1** **Supervision.** Amends § 148B.5301, subd. 2. Requires individuals who provide post-master's degree professional practice supervision to meet the requirements in Minnesota Rules, part 2150.5010. These requirements for a supervisor include licensure as a professional counselor, psychologist, or other profession approved by the board; four years of professional counseling experience; and at least 45 hours of formal training in providing professional supervision.
- 2** **Conversion to licensed professional clinical counselor after August 1, 2014.** Amends § 148B.5301, subd. 4. Strikes existing requirements for conversion from licensed professional counselor to licensed professional clinical counselor, and adds paragraph (a) listing permanent requirements for conversion. Among the requirements:
 - ▶ the person must be licensed in Minnesota as a professional counselor, be active and in good standing, and have no pending disciplinary complaints or corrective action agreements;
 - ▶ the person must have a master's or doctorate in counseling or related field from an accredited program and have earned at least 24 graduate-level credits in specified clinical areas;
 - ▶ the person must provide proof of passing the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination, and ethical, oral, and situation exams as designated by

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the board;

- ▶ the person must have completed 4,000 hours of supervised clinical practice; and
- ▶ the person must pay the required application and license fees.

Paragraph (b) provides that required coursework, not completed during a master's or doctoral program, must be taken and passed for credit from an accredited counseling program or institution.